

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 25th August 2013**

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## **Silent Key**

The death has occurred of John Kelly, EI9HN, who passed away on 16th August in Moycullen nursing home. John was a friend to many and ex Chair of Galway Radio Experimenters Club. Lord have mercy on his soul.

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## **Amateur Station Licence Examination**

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 10th October at 2.00 p.m. in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Places for the examination are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis so you are strongly advised to apply early. Some applications have already been received. If warranted by the number of candidates, a morning session at 10.30 a.m. will be held in addition to the afternoon session.

Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam). Note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee in order to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday 25th September.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The August meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on tomorrow night Monday the 26th of August at 8.30 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a committee meeting at 8.00 pm sharp and as always new members are very welcome.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's actives you can check our website [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com) and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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## **Hurdy Gurdy Museum Culture Night**

The Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio will be putting on a display on Culture Night, Friday September 20th 2013, at the premises of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, (2 - 5 Warrington Place, Dublin 2, Tel: + 353 1 644 1200 | Email: info /at/ bai.ie)

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### **Shannon Basin Radio Club**

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will once again be hosting the SSB field day on the weekend of 7th and 8th September. The club would like to invite clubs or individual ops to the grounds of Garbally College, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway to take part in the contest. Ample space is available for antennas, parking and camping if needs be. The club will be having its famous barbecue on the Saturday evening the 7th. For further information please contact Brian EI8IU at brianei8iu /at/ eircom.net.

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### **Counties Contest**

Today Sunday (25th August) there will be ample opportunity to make 2 metres come alive, before during and after the 2 metres counties contest. The contest runs from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm local time and uses both FM and SSB; the same station may be worked on both modes. The multipliers are the 32 EI and GI counties.

Note that there is a special QSY rule in this contest. After any QSO in which you are called by another station, you must QSY to another channel (FM), or by at least 3 kHz (SSB), before soliciting another QSO, while the station answering the CQ or QRZ has the frequency for one more contact.

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### **DX News During the coming weeks Rick AI5P will be on**

the air from three different DXCC entities. He can first be worked as HP1/AI5P in Panama from 31 August – 6 September. He then moves on to El Salvador where he will sign YS1/AI5P from 6 – 12 September. His final stop is Nicaragua where his callsign will be YN2PX from 12 – 23 September. Rick operates mainly on CW and QSLs go via his home call. Palestine is a DXCC entity that does not appear on the bands too often. DXers were therefore very pleased to hear that Peri HB9IQB had managed to renew his E44PM licence and that he would be on the air in late August. E44PM began transmissions on 18 August and has been quite active in recent days. It is not known how long Peri will be in Palestine. QSLs go via HB9IQB and the logs will also be uploaded to Logbook of the World. Sebastian IK2WZM will be in Corsica from 2 – 8 September. While there he will operate ‘holiday style’ on the HF bands and

6m. The callsign will be TK9ZM and QSLs go via the home call.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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